

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2007.

Claims 6, 11, and 12 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-6 and 8-21 are now pending in this application.

35 USC 112 Rejection

Claims 6 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims as previously pending meet the statutory requirements of section 112. Nonetheless, applicant amends claims 6 and 11 as suggested by the examiner. Moreover, claim 12 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Withdraw of the rejection is requested.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 5-6 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3, 5-7 and 26-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,521,287. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 8-10, and 13-21 were allowed. The Examiner is again thanked for his careful review of the present application and for his indication of allowable subject matter.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have addressed every assertion made in the Office Action. Applicant's silence regarding any such assertion does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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